

<p align="center"><b>Response to Missing Requirements Under 35 USC § 371</b></p>	<p>Attorney Docket No.: STERN28.001APC          First Named Inventor: Spriestersbach et al.          Int'l Application No.: PCT/EP2004/050284          US Application No.: 10/549,880          Entered National Phase: September 16, 2005          Title: METHOD FOR INERT GAS WELDING OR INERT GAS SOLDERING OF WORKPIECES COMPRISING IDENTICAL OR DIFFERENT METALS OR METAL ALLOYS BY MEANS OF AN ADDITIONAL ZN/AL METAL</p>
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- (X) This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
- (X) Copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 USC 371 dated May 1, 2006.
- (X) An Oath or Declaration signed by the inventors (35 USC 371(c)(4)) in 4 pages.
- (X) Power of attorney form and copy of assignment in 5 pages.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

**FILING FEES NOT YET PAID:**

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		LARGE FEE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Late Oath/Decl.	37 CFR § 1.492(h)	1617 (\$130)		\$130
Excess Claims	11 - 20 = 0	1615 (\$50)	0 x 50 =	\$0
Excess Ind. Claims	1 - 3 = 0	1614 (\$200)	0 x 200 =	\$0
Multiple Claim	37 CFR § 1.492(f)	1616 (\$360)		\$0
			<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$130</b>
The present application qualifies for Small Entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27. Fee reduced by 1/2.				(\$0)
Late English Trans	37 CFR § 1.492(i)	1618 (\$130)		\$0
			<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>	<b>\$130</b>

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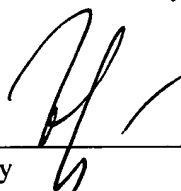
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.



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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/16/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/16/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/16/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/16/2005
- Copy of Annexes to the IPE filed on 09/16/2005
- English Translation of Annexes to the IPE filed on 09/16/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/16/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/16/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/16/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/16/2005
- Non-English Language Application filed on 09/16/2005
- Specification filed on 09/16/2005
- Claims filed on 09/16/2005
- Abstracts filed on 09/16/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the

missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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